

STAFF UPDATES for UTAH HEALTH DATA COMMITTEE

By Office of Health Care Statistics, Utah Department of Health

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Utah Commercial HMO Performance Report on 1999 Consumer Survey (CAHPS) and 1998 & 1999 HOM Performance Measures (HEDIS) is currently under HMO's review until April 6. It reports performance measures of Altius, BC/BS healthwise, Cigna, IHC, Intergru, and UnitedHealthcare. The report compares the UT commercial HMO average with the national average and indicates that Utah had better scores on enrollees' satisfaction. For more information call Chung-won Lee at 801-538-6551.

1999 Hospital Emergency Department Discharge Data Set has been compiled and edited. Data suppliers and hospital administrators are reviewing and verifying their own data until April 10, 2001. The total preliminary ED visits/discharges in 1999 were 540,374 visits with \$193,246,374 total hospital charges. Injury-related ED discharges made up 39% of all ED discharges and 37% of total charges. For more information call John Morgan at 801-538-6700.

1999 Utah Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data Standard Report 1 (ST-1:99) is nearly completed with the final draft expected to go to the printers by March 16. We have revised the payer classification computer program to more accurately identify managed care plans. The same corrections will be applied retrospectively to previous years' data sets. For more information call Greg Stoddard at 801-538-6938.

Report on Inpatient Hospitalization of Utahns for Most Common Procedure and Diagnoses in 1996-1998, Using CCS Categories will be released in March 2001. This report uses Clinic Classification Software (CCS), a new grouper developed by Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The findings shows that the top three non-maternal and newborn related procedure for Utahns were hysterectomy (2.39% of all inpatient discharges), followed by Diagnostic cardiac catheterization, coronary arteriography (1.42%), and percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) (1.19%). Comparing with a National sample, Diagnostic cardiac catheterization, coronary arteriography (1.87%), hysterectomy (1.62%), PTCA (1.38%) were the top three procedures. For more information call Gulzar Shah at 801-538-9944.

Report on Trends and Differentials in Hospitalization Among Older Adult Utahns (1996-1998) is being reviewed by an expert panel. This report used CCS to group the top 10 primary diagnoses and procedures for older adult Utahns aged 65 and over. Trends and age and gender differentials in number and rates of hospital discharges, length of stay, and total, mean, and per capita charges for the most frequent diagnoses and procedures were analyzed. Osteoarthritis was the most common primary diagnosis among hospitalized older adult women whereas coronary atherosclerosis and other heart disease was most common among their male counterparts. The most common primary procedures among hospitalized older adult women were hip replacement, arthroplasty of the knee and treatment

of hip/femur fracture or dislocation compared to percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty, diagnostic cardiac catheterization, and coronary artery bypass graft among hospitalized older adult men. For more information call William Stinner at 801-538-6353.

Planning on Updating the Health Data Plan has been led by Health Data Committee members: Robert Huefner and Michael Stapley. The Committee, joined by Utah Department of Health and University of Utah Mathsen Center for Health Policy, is applying for financial support from the Milbank Memorial Fund. For more information call Wu Xu at 801-538-7072.

Next Health Data Committee's meeting is on Monday, May 14, 2001, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Cannon Health Building Room 125.

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